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To Whom It May Concern:

The building of bombs is not in our common and public interest. I protest the building of any facility to manufacture bombs. I suggest that we put the energy into conflict resolution.

Did you know that the cost of ONE DAY of bombing Kosovo was less than the public diplomacy budget for Asia for ONE YEAR?

What does that say about our priorities?

Sincerely,

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Comment noted. There are no plans or proposals in the Y-12 SWEIS to build new bombs or to increase the size of the Nation's nuclear weapons arsenal. In accordance with Section 91 of the *Atomic Energy Act*, DOE carries out its mission (i.e., atomic weapons activities) consistent with the consent of and direction from the President and Congress, contained in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Memorandum, which is updated annually. The issue of whether DOE should produce nuclear weapons is beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.

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